My dear Colleague,

I have just read in the current number of "Nature" of your recent return, together with Mr. J. Gillen, to Melbourne from your prolonged sojourn and investigation amongst the aboriginal tribes of the interior of North Central Australia. Allow me personally and in the name of the Anthropological Society of Italy, of which I have the honor to be Vice-President, to offer you both our heartiest congratulations on the success of your mission, the progress of which we have followed with intense interest, whilst we now look forward with keen expectation to the publication of the results of your observations amongst those remnants of primitive Man.

I need scarcely tell you how greatly I am personally interested in the subject, and that your magnificent book "The Native tribes of Central Australia," is very often in requisition with me. I have no doubt that in the expedition which you have now completed, you have been able to gather new and important facts regarding the Ethnology and Social organization of these tribes which you studied during your
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from that portion of Australia which you have explored.

Hoping to have the pleasure of giving you a Welcome in Florence some day, believe me, dear Colleague, with all best wishes,

Yours very truly,

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